Beautification of pilgrim centres in Uttar Pradesh

1531. SHRI MOTIUR RAHMAN: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to connect historically and culturally important building with roads and also for their beautification;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether lakhs of pilgrims from all over the world visit the holy land of Lord Krishna deity in Vrindavan, Barsana, Goverdhan, Kokila Vaan etc. situated in Uttar Pradesh; and

(d) if so, whether there is any proposal to provide better roads to reach these holy places and for their beautification?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) and (b) The work related to the connectivity of the building which are culturally important, with roads concerns the respective State Governments. Most of the protected monuments of the Archaeological Survey of India are well connected with roads. However, the Ministry of Road Transport has also been requested to take up upgradation of the roads connecting the monuments and sites. The Archaeological Survey of India is also taking steps for environmental development and beautification of the centrally protected monuments.

(c) and (d) It is a fact that a large number of pilgrims visit these holy places in Uttar Pradesh. The centrally protected monuments in this area are well connected with roads and the Archaeological Survey of India has also taken steps for environmental development and beautification by providing green patches in the vacant land around the monuments.

Building and Apparatus Grants to Andhra Pradesh

1532. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Building and Apparatus Grant provided to various Andhra Pradesh based voluntary cultural organizations under various welfare schemes during the last two years, organization-wise;